

10/530259

# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket  
No. P1299US

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DISPOSABLE WEARING ARTICLE

the specification of which

is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on October 17, 2003 as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2003/013284  
and was amended on March 1, 2004 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Not Claimed
<u>2002-309306 (Patent)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>24/October/2002</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	
<u>2003-150101 (Patent)</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>28/May/2003</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35, U. S. C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

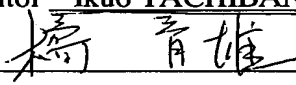
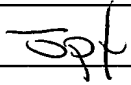
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status - - patented, pending, abandoned)
----------------------	---------------	---

I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Anthony J. Casella, Atty. Reg. No. 24,095, Gerald E. Hespos, Atty. Reg. No. 30,066 and Dana A. Brussel, Atty. Reg. No. 45,717, Customer No. 001218 Address all telephone calls to Gerald E. Hespos at telephone number (212) 725-2450 or fax number (212) 725-2452

Address all correspondence to Gerald E. Hespos  
CASELLA & HESPOS LLP  
274 Madison Avenue - Suite 1703  
New York, NY 10016

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

1-00  
Full name of sole or first inventor Ikuo TACHIBANA  
Inventor's Signature   
Date March 17, 2005  
Residence Settsu-shi, Japan   
Citizenship Japan  
Post Office Address c/o Zuiko Corporation, 15-21, Minamibefucho,  
Settsu-shi, Osaka 566-0045 Japan